



Clean Water Fund & Outdoor Heritage Fund

RIM Riparian Buffer RFP Guidance

Fiscal Year 2012 RIM Signup (Nov. 28, 2011)



Complete the CWF LSOHC RIM RFP spreadsheet using Microsoft Excel 2007 or greater. Note that tabs *i. Applicant Information, 1. Proposal Area, 2. Water Plan & Quality Priority, 3. Anticipated Outcomes* and *4. Readiness to Proceed* are required. The *5. Wildlife Buffer Expansion* tab is only required if you intent to apply for LSOHC funds.

1. PROPOSAL IDENTIFICATION

- Select up to 3 proposal areas and list in priority order. Proposal areas are defined as rivers, lakes, streams or public ditches, excluding wetlands and are mapped on DNR PWI. Proposal areas should not include floodplain areas >100' and be of manageable size with the scope of work focused mostly in one catchment area.
- Calculate Length of riparian area x 100' x 2 (both sides) = Riparian zone total size.
- Estimated % of riparian zone currently being cropped.
- Estimated % of riparian zone existing CRP.
- Estimated % of Natural Buffer
- Estimated Proposal Cost (Multiply eligible acres x Township Payment + \$200/ac. Practice costs)

2. WATER PLAN/WATER QUALITY PRIORITY

- Is the proposal area identified in a local resource management plan or water quality improvement plan, Impaired Waters list, or TMDL report? Identify specific location within the plan/report.
- Describe inventory measures that have been completed via GIS evaluation, land use inventory, water quality data, on-site survey, etc.
- Identify local controls that are currently in place and being actively enforced (e.g., local or state shoreland regulations, MS 103E drainage ditch buffers, etc).

3. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- Report the predominant catchment ID from the BWSR Ecological Ranking Tool (maps.bwsr.state.mn.us/rimecorank). Note: the catchment rank will be auto calculated in the form.
- Describe how buffer selection and configurations will provide water quality restoration or protection.
- Describe multiple benefit outcomes.

4. READINESS TO PROCEED

- Explain how the proposal area and the SWCD are ready to implement. Address landowner interest as well as SWCD experience with RIM processing.
- Describe use of staff or partners with expertise in implementing RIM that will be committed to this proposal.

5. OPTIONAL WILDLIFE HABITAT BUFFER EXPANSION (*Funding for expanded additional 100 feet - must be located within the LSOHC Prairie Planning Unit*)

- Estimate whether the buffers will have more or less than 50% native species.
 - Wildlife buffers must achieve a minimum score of 50 points on the wildlife scoring sheet. Does this proposal area contain eligible lands that fall within a wildlife complex and will serve to connect or enhance existing parcels of wildlife habitat >160ac.
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